



Rock Church

Pastor Miles McPherson | Difference Making Forgiveness | August 23, 2020

### **D12 Monthly Focus for August: Values Making Disciples That Make Disciples**

#### **Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:**

On Sunday, Pastor Miles opened his sermon talking about forgiveness. If we harbor unforgiveness it will produce envy, jealousy, and many other destructive things. As believers, we need to make sure that we forgive those who offend us. As we mentor others, we must give them a mission past the offense. Finally, we multiply forgiveness by empowering others to fulfill the mission God has for them.

**As a group take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below.**

1. Like Jesus, we engage in the ministry of restoration by **Forgiving** the offender.
  - Read Matthew 6:14-15. We must remember that God has forgiven us of our sins through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus.
  - Who is someone who committed an offense against you? Have you forgiven that person? Why or why not? Will you decide right now to forgive that person?
2. Like Jesus, we mentor forgivers by giving them a **Mission** past the offense. John 21:15-19
  - Read John 21:15-17. Here we see a conversation between Jesus and Peter regarding the life that Peter is to live for Jesus despite Peter's shortcomings. Jesus is calling Peter to a life of service to Him and others.
  - Is there someone that you have forgiven that you need to encourage to live for Jesus? Who is that person? How can you encourage them to live their life for Jesus?
3. Like Jesus, we multiply forgiveness by **Empowering** them to fulfill the mission.

- Read ACTS 2:37-47. In these verses, we see that God is using Peter in a miraculous way to proclaim the Gospel. The result is three thousand people decide to follow Jesus. If we can empower others to fulfill God's mission for their lives we could see amazing fruit!
- Empowerment is an act of giving someone a strong encouragement to help boost their confidence. Has anyone shared with you a vision, mission, dream, or goal that God has placed on their lives? How can you encourage that person to press on to see that vision, mission, dream, or goal fulfilled?

### **Next Steps:**

- Find your spiritual gifts by texting GIFTSTEST to 52525.
- Looking to take your walk with God to the next level? Rock School of Ministry is now making the curriculum modular, so those leading rGroups and dGroups can get access to it and grow spiritually.
  - For more information, visit their new website: <https://rockschoolofministry.com/>
  - To apply, click this [RSOM APPLICATION LINK](#)

**THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:** “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” ~2 Timothy 2:2 NKJV

### **This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos**

Amos 6–9: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/amos/>

Obadiah: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/obadiah/>

Jonah 1–4: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/jonah/>

Psalms 104–106: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/psalms/>

Micah 1–2: <https://bibleproject.com/videos/micah/>

